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“Following Fire Apparatus Prohibited”

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.61.635 states, “The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than five hundred feet or stop such vehicle within five hundred feet of any fire apparatus stopped in answer to a fire alarm.”

Also prohibited is driving over fire hoses as outlined in RCW 46.61.640, which states, “No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on any street, or private driveway, to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the fire department official in command.”

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